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SUBJECT: PRINCE BERNHARD REACTION TO KLM MATTER

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1. IN ADDITION TO TELEGRAAF'S CAMPAIGN TO "GIVE KLM ROOM" (REFTEL), ISSUE OF CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS HAS HAD SOME NEW LIFE BREATHED INTO IT BY HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE BERNHARD. SPEAKING ON HIS RETURN FROM TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA AND U.S., PRINCE SAID HE HAD RAISED SUBJECT OF KLM WITH EVERYONE HE SPOKE TO IN U.S. AND TO HIS SURPRISE EVERYONE PROFESSED IGNORANCE ABOUT IT. "I SPOKE TO GEORGE BALL, SENATORS, CONGRESSMEN AND BANKERS AND THEY ALL TOLD ME: NO, THAT CAN'T BE SO, WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT". HE REMARKED THAT KLM PROBLEM RECEIVED VERY LITTLE PUBLICITY AND HARDLY ANY NEWSPAPER COVERAGE IN U.S. PRINCE SAID THAT WHILE HE COULDN'T DO ANYTHING OFFICIALLY, HE HAD CONSTANTLY RAISED QUESTION AND HAD HAD INFORMATION SENT TO ALL PEOPLE HE TALKED TO, SHOWING WHAT INTERESTS ARE AT STAKE.

2. MEANWHILE, TELEGRAAF ON FEBRUARY 18 REPORTS HAVING RECEIVED 75,000 SIGNATURES. ITS CAMPAIGN IS SUPPORTED BY DUTCH IMMIGRANT SOCIETY (DIS) OF GRAND RAPIDS. OTHER IMPORTANT SIGNERS: GOVERNORS OF GELDERLAND AND
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